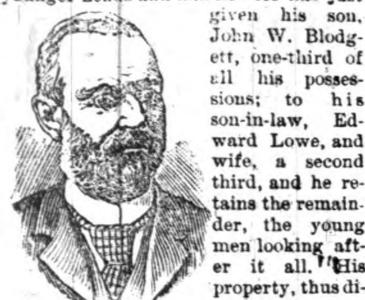
PINE THE SOURCE OF HIS WEALTH. A Michigan Millionaire Who Grew Rich

as a Lumberman. Hon. Delos A. Blodgett, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has retired from active business life, and his immense and varied interests will be managed by younger heads and hands. He has just given his son,



ett, one-third of ell his possessions; to his son-in-law, Edward Lowe, and wife, a second third, and he retains the remainder, the young men looking after it all. "His property, thus divided, aggre-

DELOS A. BLODGETT. gates in value, estimated on a conservative basis, \$7,-200,000, and includes nearly half a million acres of timber land in the south, the largest remaining tract of standing pine in northern Michigan, several thouhand acres of timber land on the Pacific coast, The Times building and other valuable real estate in Chicago, several of the most valuable bits of business realty in Grand Rapids, and other property in Muskegon, Cadillac and other points.

Mr. Blodgett is about sixty-seven years old, was born in western New York and commenced life as a deckhand on an Ohio lumber raft. At the age of twentythree he went to Michigan and took charge of a lumber camp, on the Muskegon river as foreman. He invested his surplus earnings and all he could borrow in pine lands at government prices, and in time was operating on his own account. He continued to invest in pine lands, and when the boom came after the panic of 1872 his holdings made him rich, and he has steadily been adding to his wealth since by active operations and shrewd investments. He has two children, a son and a daughter. His son, John W. Blodgett, inherits his father's tastes for business, and is already independently rich in his own right without drawing upon the millions just bestowed upon him.

Don't Eat Potato Skins.

The skin of a nicely served baked potato is certainly a temptation to any who have tasted it, but it is just as well to resist the temptation. Quite a large percentage of potatoes are shipped in from a distance after having been preserved, packed away carefully to avoid sprouting, which quickly spoils a stack of potatoes and leaves them almost worthless. In some parts of the country sulphuric acid is used to make sprouting impossible. The potatoes are dipped into a bath with some of the acid dropped in, and as a result the little eyes are killed, and any intention of sprouting is nipped in the bud. It is said that the acid cannot possibly penetrate the skin, and this is no doubt true. At the same time enough of the poison may have been absorbed by the skin itself to make eating it, even after careful washing, decidedly dangerous.

Pointers About Ostriches.

In each wing of an ostrich twenty-six long white plumes grow to maturity in eight months. In the male these are pure white, while those of the female shade to ecru or gray. The short feathers are plucked for tips, and each wing furnishes seventy-five of these. The tail feathers are of a deep old ivory color, and sixty-five of these have a commercial value. In a late plucking at the Coronado ostrich farm nearly 300 feathers were obtained from one bird, which, when curled and dressed, will be worth sixty-five dollars. The female ostrich lays seventy eggs a year.

Some Large Salaries.

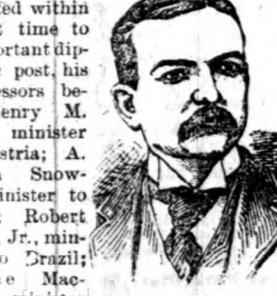
While the president of the United States receives an annual stipend of but \$50,000, the salary of the Prince of Wales is \$200,000 per year; Duke of Connaught, \$125,000; Duke of Edinburgh, \$125,000, and the Duke of Cambridge, the queen's cousin, \$60,000. The royal family cost England \$40,000 a

The New Minister to Italy.

William Potter, who is to fill the unexpired term of Albert G. Porter as minister to Italy, is a Philadelphian. He was born in that city in 1852, and is of an old Pennsylvania family, his father having long been a leader in business and his mother a descendant of prominent Revolutionary families.

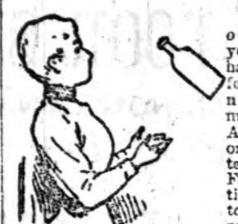
Mr. Potter is a gentleman of broad culture and has been from his youth up an ardent Republican. It is noted as an interesting fact that he is the thirteenth member of the Union league of

that city to be appointed within a short time to an important diplomatic post, his predecessors being Henry M. Watts, minister to, Austria; A. den, minister to Greece; Robert Adams, Jr., minister to Brazil; Wayne Mac-



Veagh, minister WILLIAM POTTER to Turkey Simon Cameron, A. G. Curtin, George H. Loker and Charles Emory Smith, minsters to Russia: John Russell Young. minister to China; John Welch, minister to England; James II. Campbell. minister to Sweden, and E. Burd Grubb.

minister to Spain. Mr. Potter is at present secretary of the league. His first diplomatic appointment, if such it may be called. Was that of postal commissioner in Europe to negotiate a system of rapid transfer of international mails. His success union congress at Vienna that year.



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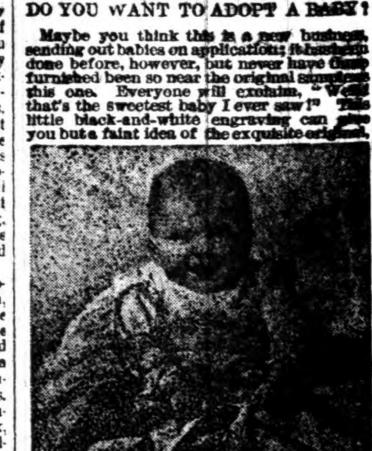
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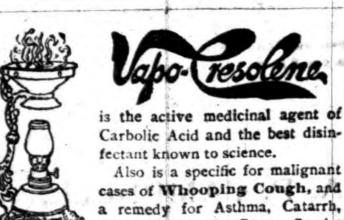
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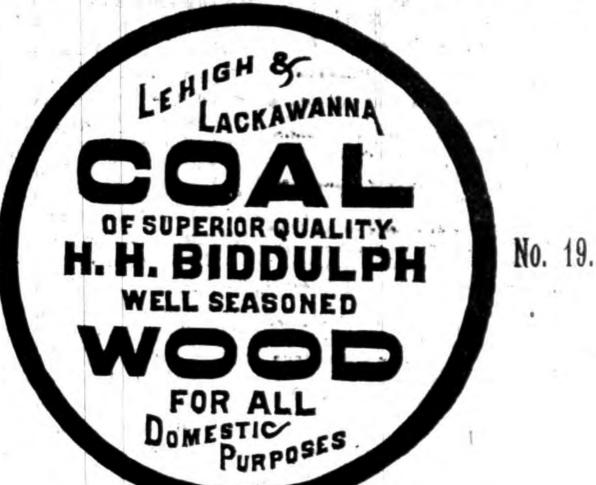
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